

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): Ticket printing device, comprising:

at least one thermal print head,

means for driving ~~means arranged to move~~ a ticket across the print head, presenting a first principal face of the ticket to the print head, and

means for guiding ~~means of guidance capable of imparting~~ a direction of travel to the ticket,

wherein said means for driving ~~means~~ includes a block applied against a second face of the ticket, opposite to the first principal face, and including a first powered rotating roller having an axis of rotation at approximately 90° relative to the direction of travel and capable of causing the ticket to move, and a second idling roller, extending beyond the powered roller, which ~~is used~~ allows the means for guiding and the means for driving to drive tickets of different widths in the direction of travel.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): Device according to claim 12, wherein the powered roller and the idling roller are respectively generally cylindrical in shape, substantially co-axial, and similar in radius, and the powered roller and the idling roller are substantially juxtaposed.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 12, wherein the ~~guidance~~ means for guiding includes, facing the powered roller, at least one wall parallel to an edge of

the ticket, forming a tab capable of defining the direction of travel of the ticket, ~~while the block forms a chosen angle with said direction of travel.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 14, wherein the tab is a downstream tab and the means for guiding ~~guidance means~~ includes, along the direction of travel, an upstream ^{tab} ~~tab and a downstream tab~~, the downstream tab and the upstream tab being substantially juxtaposed and placed on either side of the powered roller.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): Device according to claim 14, wherein the block forms, in a direction from the powered roller towards the print head, an angle of between 89° and 90°, preferably in the region of 89.7°.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 12, wherein the thermal print head includes a plurality of resistance heating elements capable of releasing heat to enable printing of the ticket, and the device further ~~comprising means for~~ to electrically test testing the plurality of resistance elements, one by one, said means for testing ~~means~~ utilizing an addressing module for the plurality of resistance elements.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 12, further comprising means ~~of~~ for supporting the print head including a flexible plate fixed, on one hand, to the print head and, on the other hand, to a mounting integral with the block, together with a rigid plate fixed to the print head and equipped with an end bar substantially parallel to the direction of travel and seated so as to rotate about an axis substantially parallel to the direction of travel in an aperture incorporated into the mounting, such that said rigid plate is

capable of preventing pitching motion of the print head while at the same time allowing a rolling motion about said axis.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 18, further comprising means ~~of~~ for pushing the plate against the block, the print head being in a position facing the block.


Claim 20 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 19, wherein the means for pushing ~~means~~ includes an electro-magnet actuated electrically.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 12, wherein the thermal print head is capable of printing barcodes on ~~[[a]]~~ the ticket.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): Device according to claim 21, wherein the ticket includes magnetic information, and the device further comprises a magnetic recording head, while the print head is arranged to operate in conjunction with ~~[[the]]~~ a magnetic recording station to print barcodes matching the magnetic information recorded on the ticket.

Claim 23 (New): A ticket printing device, comprising:
at least one thermal print head;
a driving mechanism configured to move a ticket across the at least one thermal print head, thereby presenting a first face of the ticket to the print head;
a guidance mechanism configured to impart a direction of travel to the ticket,

wherein the driving mechanism includes a block applied against a second face of the ticket, opposite to the first face, and including a first powered rotating roller having an axis of rotation at approximately 90° relative to the direction of travel and configured to move the ticket, and a second idling roller, extending beyond the powered roller, which allows the driving mechanism and the guidance mechanism to drive tickets of different widths in the direction of travel.



Claim 24 (New): The device according to Claim 23, wherein the powered roller and the idling roller are approximately cylindrical in shape, substantially coaxial, and similar in radius, and the powered roller and the idling roller are substantially juxtaposed.

Claim 25 (New): The device according to Claim 23, wherein the guidance mechanism includes, facing the powered roller, at least one wall parallel to an edge of the ticket, forming a tab capable of defining the direction of travel.

Claim 26 (New): The device according to Claim 25, wherein the tab includes a downstream tab, and

the guidance mechanism includes, along the direction of travel, an upstream tab, the downstream tab and the upstream tab being substantially juxtaposed and placed on either side of the powered roller.

Claim 27 (New): The device according to Claim 25, wherein the block forms, in a direction from the powered roller toward the at least one print head, an angle between 89° and 90° , preferably in the region of 89.7° .

Claim 28 (New): The device according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one thermal print head includes a plurality of resistance heating elements configured to release heat to enable printing of the ticket, and

an electrical testing device configured to test each of the plurality of resistance heating elements using an addressing module.

Claim 29 (New): The device according to Claim 23, further comprising:

a support configured to support the at least one thermal print head, the support including a flexible plate fixed to the at least one thermal print head and to a mounting integral with the block and a rigid plate fixed to the at least one thermal print head and equipped with an end bar substantially parallel to the direction of travel and configured to rotate about an axis substantially parallel to the direction of travel in an aperture of the mounting, such that the rigid plate is configured to prevent pitching motion of the at least one thermal print head while enabling a rolling motion about the axis.

Claim 30 (New): The device according to Claim 29, further comprising a pushing mechanism configured to push the plate against the block while the at least one thermal print head faces the block.

Claim 31 (New): The device according to Claim 30, wherein the pushing mechanism includes an electrically actuated electromagnet.

Claim 32 (New): The device according to Claim 23, wherein the at least one thermal print head is configured to print barcodes on the ticket.

Claim 33 (New): The device according to Claim 32, wherein the ticket includes magnetic information, and

the device includes a magnetic recording head, while the at least one thermal print head is configured to operate in conjunction with a magnetic recording station to print barcodes corresponding to the magnetic information from the ticket.

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